



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7304

January Session, 2017



AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER EXTORTION BY USE OF RANSOMWARE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) A person is guilty of
2 computer extortion by use of ransomware, when such person (1)
3 introduces ransomware into any computer, computer system or
4 computer network, and (2) demands payment of money or other
5 consideration to remove the ransomware, restore access to the
6 computer, computer system, computer network or data contained on
7 such computer, computer system or computer network, or otherwise
8 remediate the impact of the ransomware.

9 (b) Computer extortion by use of ransomware is a class E felony.

10 (c) For purposes of this section, "ransomware" means any computer
11 contaminant or lock placed or introduced without authorization into a
12 computer, computer system or computer network that restricts access
13 by an authorized person to the computer, computer system, computer
14 network, or any data held by the computer, computer system or
15 computer network, but does not include authentication required to
16 upgrade or access purchased content or the blocking of access to
17 subscription content in the case of nonpayment for such access, and
18 "computer contaminant" means any set of computer instructions that

19 are designed to modify, damage, destroy, record or transmit data held
20 by a computer, computer system or computer network without the
21 intent or permission of the owner of the data.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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